

EVENTS for Children at KPL

Fall 2019: September, October, November

Celebrate Fifty Years of the The Coretta Scott King Book Award



Celebrating 50 years of recognizing excellence! The Coretta Scott King Book Award was founded in 1969 to honor remarkable African-American authors and illustrators for their

works of children's literature that demonstrate an appreciation for African American culture and universal human values.

The award was named after Coretta Scott King to recognize her courage, social justice work, and love for children, while also commemorating the death of her husband Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Coretta Scott King Book Award. This fall, we will be discussing award winning titles in our Bookworms and Sankofa book clubs.



CSK: 50 Years Strong

SEPTEMBER 2019

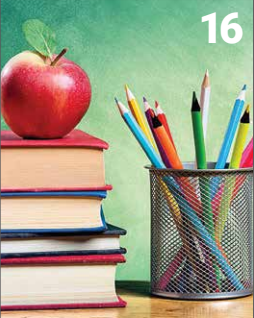
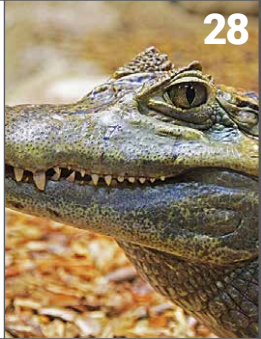
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KPL Location Info

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EAS (Eastwood Branch Library) 1112 Gayle Ave.	553-7810
OSH (Oshtemo Branch Library) 7265 W. Main St.	553-7980
POW (Alma Powel Branch Library) 1000 W. Paterson St.	553-7960
WSQ (Washington Square Branch Library) 1244 Portage St.	553-7970

Early Childhood: Birth-to-Preschool

Children: Grades K-5

Family: Caregiver + Siblings





Register

Ticket

*To tell us what you think about our programming, please visit: kpl.gov/programsurvey



OCTOBER 2019

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*Dates and times subject to change. Any further questions, please call: (269) 553-7800

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Early Childhood: Birth-to-Preschool



Register



Ticket

All Kalamazoo Public Library events are FREE and open to the public unless otherwise indicated in the event description. A library card is not required to attend. Events where space is limited may require prior registration or a free ticket to attend as indicated in the event description. Guests who require special accommodations should call (269) 553-7800.




Children: Grades K-5

Family: Caregiver + Siblings

Fall 2019: September, October, November — Event Descriptions

Birth–5: Early Childhood

1-2-3 Play With Me

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable one-month workshop. For children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Registration required. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with registered toddler. 

Baby Lapsit

Songs, bounces, and rhymes for babies from birth to walking with their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Steps

Rhymes, songs, and books for little ones from walking to 24 months and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Baby Talk

Talk about the care of babies up to one year of age with other parents. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

Family Storytime

Featuring stories, activities and special guests designed for birth–5 and their families.

It's Storytime!

Engage in exciting stories, songs, and activities.

Nighty Night Storytime

End the day with sing-song lullabies and storybooks.

Play to Learn

Engage in play for early learning. Drop in during the posted open times. For children ages 1 to 5 with caregiver, siblings may attend as guests. Adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers.


Sankofa Book Club

A fun book club for young readers in grades 2–4. We will read together, learn new vocabulary, engage in learning activities, and enjoy nutritious snacks.

Toddler Talk

Talk about the care of toddlers up to 3 years of age with other caregivers. Carolyn Call, RN, facilitator.

Tumble Toddlers

Beginning walkers and caregivers will love this free movement experience in a big open space. Please register. 

Grades K-2: Children

After School Arts and Crafts


Make a different art project each month.

STEAM Lab

Drop in and tinker, create, build, and investigate with Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Math. A different project each time, all materials will be provided. Best suited for grades 2–4.

Grades 3–5: Children

Robot Detective Coding Mystery

Can you solve the mystery? Work in teams to learn coding skills and program the robots for clues. Collect all the clues to solve the case. A STEM sleuthing adventure! Registration required. 

Family: Caregivers + Siblings

100 Years Ago Party

What was it like to be a kid in Kalamazoo 100 years ago? Learn, laugh, and play like it's the year 1919!


Back to School Bash @ Eastwood

Celebrate the new school year with outdoor games, crafts, music, food, and other fun activities.


Binkey and Friends Book Buddies

Come join Binkey and his buddies for a night of fun, laughter, and dancing at the library. Also, you get to meet the puppet master himself, Chan Pratt and friends. All family & friends are welcome.

Bookworms

A book club for kids and their grown-ups. Pick up your free copy at OSH or CEN children's desk. 

Critchlow Alligators

Meet real crocodilians, lizards, and amphibians from Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary. All animals secured for public contact and handling. Registration required. 

Fall Hiking for Families

Kalamazoo College Arboretum, The Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, and Skip Lee's Sporting Goods will share info on local preserves and tips for hikers of all ages.


First Saturday @ KPL

Take your family to the library the first Saturday of each month! Get your library card or pick out some books to check out. Enjoy stories, activities, special guests, and door prizes. Something different each month! First Saturday is a partnership program for KPL and Kalamazoo Public Schools. September: Despierta Kalamazoo, October: Kalamazoo Valley Museum, November: KRESA Head Start.


Hot Wheels Racing

Build tracks, race cars, crash into LEGO buildings, jump block towers and whatever else you can think of doing. STEM education has never been so much fun.

KA-BOOMistry!

Why do things explode? Learn about the relationships between pressure, temperature, and fuel to explain why things go KA-BOOM! We'll mix physics and chemistry to get some loud, flashy effects. Presented by the Michigan Science Center. Registration required. 

KSO Family Fun Chamber Series

Join the KSO's Brass Quintet for a Family Fun Chamber Series concert—King of Rags, celebrating the life and legacy of ragtime pianist, Scott Joplin. The morning's performance will be followed by a craft and instrument petting zoo. KSO's Family Fun Chamber Series concerts are always free to the community! Great fun for the whole family! 

LEGO at the Library

Build, create, and imagine with other LEGO fans. Bricks provided, from Duplo to expert builder.

Meet the Author: Charmane Echols

Charmane Echols will read and engage families in an activity based on her new space-themed book, *The Adventures of Kimberlite: A Glorious Shining Star*. Books for sale and signing.

Meet the Author: Sarah Steele


Meet local author Sarah Steele for a monster storytime featuring *Monsterbet: The ABCs Don't Scare Me*. Make a monster craft and bring your best monster growl. Books for sale and signing.

Family Programs (continued)

Meet the Authors: Grace Lin and Jewell Parker Rhodes

Hear why Grace and Jewell weave community into their stories and the importance of sharing books with children. Admission to this Meet the Author program is free and open to the public of all ages. The presentation will be followed by a book signing. Bookbug/this is a bookstore will sell copies of their books at the event. Check out our great book clubs happening prior to their visit and join in for free copies to read in advance.

Musical Storybooks: Berlioz the Bear

A special program featuring Berlioz the Bear by Jan Brett with a storytime, craft, and child friendly performance by the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra's string quartet. Groups welcome. Please register. 

Paddington Bear Marmalade Matinee

Bring your favorite teddy bear and come watch *Paddington 2* with us on a cozy Saturday afternoon. Snacks will be provided including Paddington's favorite: marmalade.


Party in the Park

KPL is taking Party in the Park on the road to host two parties in neighboring county locations! Join your favorite storytime characters and KPL librarians in Vicksburg and Galesburg. Each child will receive a free book courtesy of Kalamazoo Public Library's Ready to Read program and a snack. The event is FREE. Please register with the host library! Child Care, preschools and groups welcome! Ages birth-to-5.

September 18, 10–11 am, Vicksburg District Library, vicksburglibrary.org

October 2, 10–11 am, Galesburg-Charleston Memorial District Library, galesburgcharlestonlibrary.org


The Pigeon Has to Go to School Party

Celebrate back to school time with Mo Willems' new book, *The Pigeon Has to Go to School*. Listen to stories, play games, and meet the Pigeon himself—just don't let him drive the bus! Please register. 

Ready Movers with Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers

Ready Movers is a creative movement program that deepens concepts related to literacy while also developing skills around awareness, body control, and mindfulness. This program, developed by Wellspring/Cori Terry & Dancers' company members in coordination with KC Ready4s, is an interactive session including storytime, that your little mover will love.

Stories with Jethro

Jethro is a dog that is ready to hear wonderful stories. Come to the library and read to Jethro. Families welcome. Please register. 

Superhero Training with the Wellspring Dance Academy

Strap on your mask and cape and join Wellspring Dance Academy for Superhero Training! We will exercise our minds and bodies as we prepare to save the world, one leap at a time! Activate your superpowers and groove with us!

Unicycle Show

Watch cyclists from Open Roads and the Redford Township Unicycle Club in action as they demonstrate cycles and share knowledge at this fun family program.